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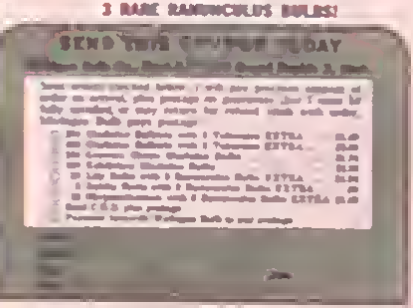

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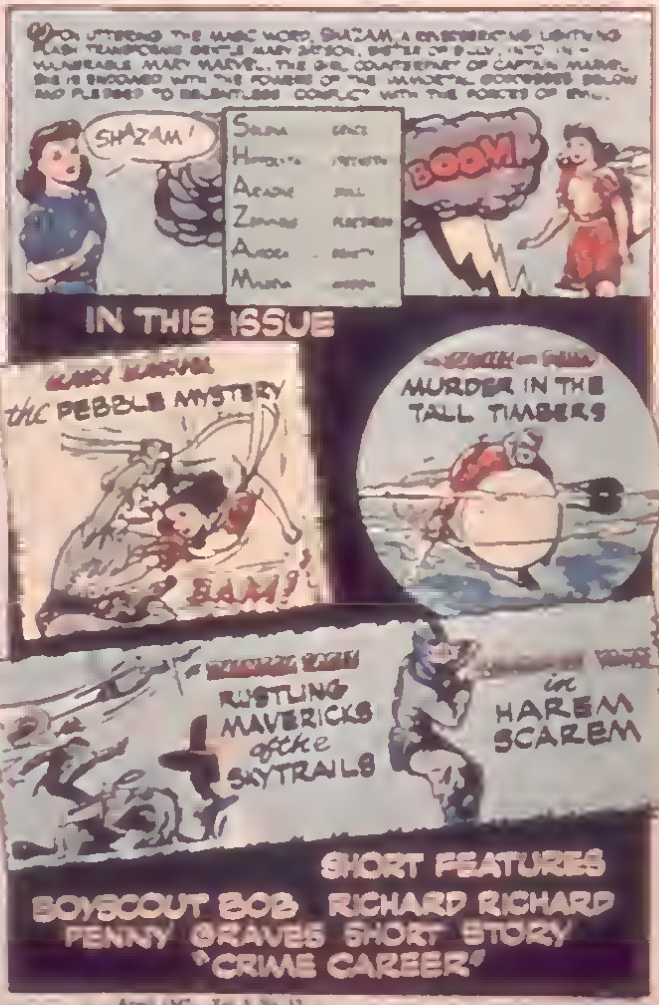
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BOOM!
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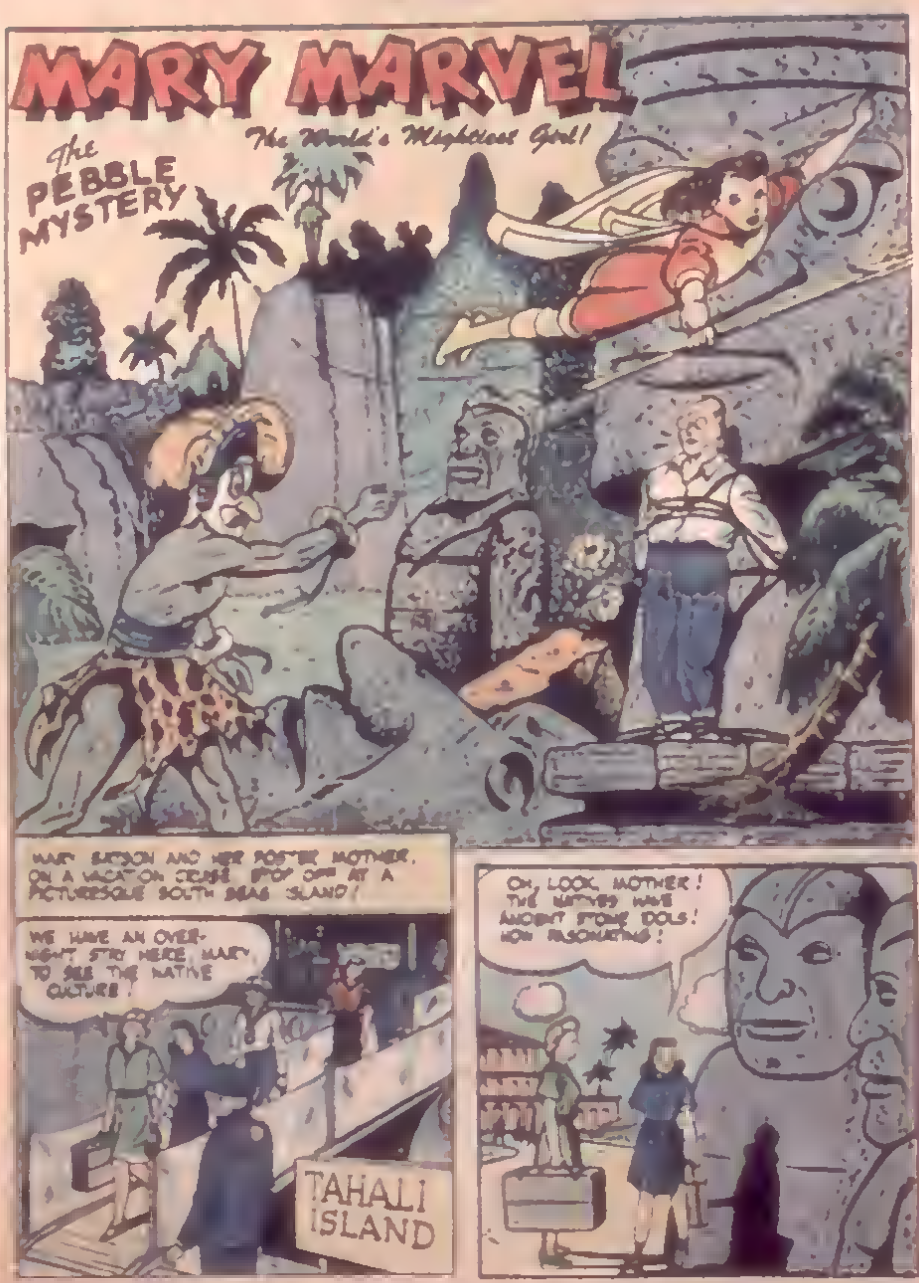

MARY MARVEL
The World's Mightiest Girl!
The PEBBLE MYSTERY
MARY BATSON AND HER FOSTER MOTHER, ON A VACATION CRUISE, STOP OFF AT A PICTURESQUE SOUTH SEAS ISLAND!
WE HAVE AN OVERNIGHT STAY HERE, MARY TO SEE THE NATIVE CULTURE!
TAHALI ISLAND
OH, LOOK, MOTHER! THE NATIVES HAVE ANCIENT STONE IDOLS! HOW FASCINATING!

LET'S GET TO OUR ROOM IN THE HOTEL! WE CAN LOOK OVER THE SCENERY LATER!
THE STONE IMAGES ARE ALL OVER! THIS'LL BE AN INTERESTING DAY.
LATER...
TAHALI TRADING POST! LET'S SEE WHAT THAT IS, MOTHER.
TAHALI TRADING POST
ONLY NATIVE CUSTOMERS FROM HERE! THAT'S ODD! LET'S SEE WHAT HE SELLS!
A NICE MIRROR? THERE YOU ARE!
PRETTY! WE LIKE! HERE IS RIO.
AT THE TRADING POST
WHY, THIS IS CHEAP GLASS JEWELRY AND GEE-GAWS! AND HE TAKES MONEY FROM THE NATIVES FOR THEM. HE'S A SWINDLER.
YOU HAVE ME WRONG, MADAM. THESE NATIVES USE BRIGHT-COLORED PEBBLES FOR MONEY. THAT'S ALL I TAKE FROM THEM IN EXCHANGE FOR MY WARES!
WHAT? ONLY PEBBLES?

BUT THEN YOU--ER--LOSE MONEY!
EXACTLY! THE DAYS ARE OVER WHEN SCRUPULOUS MEN COME AND SWINDLE NATIVES! YOU SEE, I'M HELPING THE NATIVES GET THINGS THEY WANT, IN RETURN FOR THEIR WORTHLESS LITTLE PEBBLES!
GOSH I'M SORRY, SIR! INSTEAD OF A SWINDLER, YOU'RE A KIND AND GOOD MAN!
ANOTHER MEMBER OF MARY'S TOUR-PARTY HAS ENTERED AND...
MY WORD! PEBBLE MONEY! I'M PROFESSOR PLANTER, A MINERALOGIST! MAY I TAKE SOME OF THESE AND EXAMINE THEM? I'LL BRING THEM HOME WITH ME!
I--ER--WOULDN'T ADVISE THAT, PROFESSOR! THE NATIVES RESENT ANY OF THEIR PEBBLE-MONEY BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM THE ISLAND!
HOWEVER! ARE THESE PELOSPAR? ... ALLUVIAL? .. HMMM!
I MUST TAKE THEM TO MY ROOM AND EXAMINE THEM MORE CLOSELY.
THE PROFESSOR SEEMS ABSORBED IN HIS NEW FIND.
HMM! UNDER THE PLANT, I WONDER WHAT THESE STONES REALLY ARE.
PROFESSOR PLANTER FAILS TO NOTICE THE GROTESQUE FIGURE CROUCHED STEALTHILY BEHIND HIM.
DIE, RASH ONE! THE ANCIENT SECRETS OF TAHALI MUST NOT BE TAMPERED WITH!
SUDDENLY--
OHH! HELP!

HELP!
IT SOUNDS LIKE THE PROFESSOR, IN TROUBLE--
SHAZAM!
A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY
WHEN MARY BATSON SPEAKS THE NAME OF THE WISE WIZARD A FLASH OF MAGIC LIGHTNING THUNDERS DOWN TO GIVE HER THE FORM OF--- MARY MARVEL!
BOOM!
STOP, YOU KILLER!
UGG
BAM!
THE SHAZAM GIRL ATTACKS!
MEDDLER! MY KNIFE WILL CUT YOU IN TWO!
SWISH!
BUT THE MACHETE ONLY SHATTERS AGAINST THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL.
THE WEIRD FIGURE FLEES!
CURSES! I MUST ESCAPE!
RIGHT AFTER YOU.
"OLY MOLEY HE'S GONE! VANISHED INTO THIN AIR.
HAH! SHE WAS FOOLED! SHE'S LEAVING. I HID IN THIS HOLLOW STONE DOL!

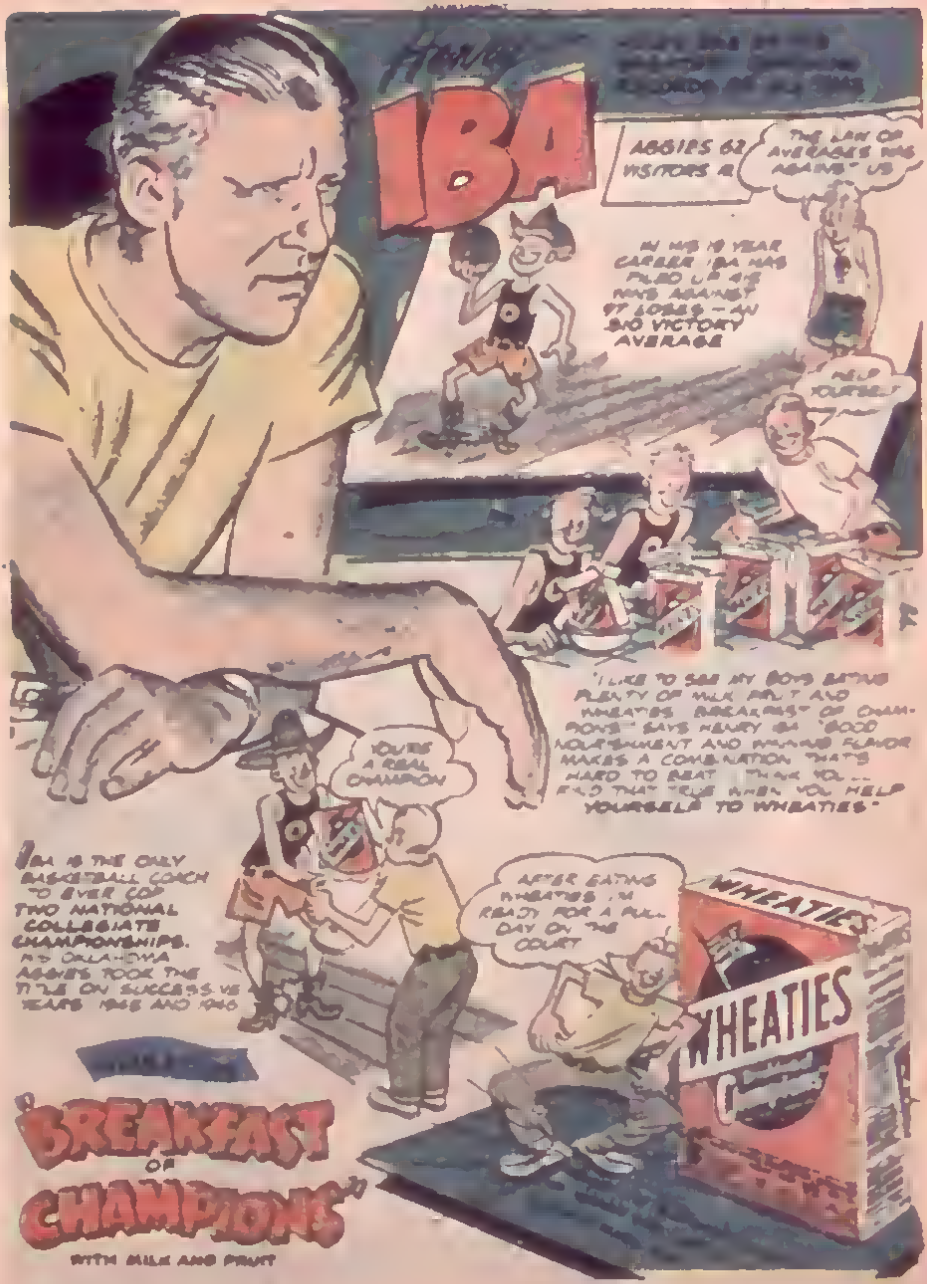
HE ESCAPED, PROFESSOR! BUT WHY DID HE ATTACK YOU?
I ... I DON'T KNOW! HE MUMBLED SOMETHING ABOUT THE ANCIENT SECRETS OF TAKAU!
YES, PROFESSOR! YOU SEE THE NATIVES CONSIDER THEIR IDOLS AND PEBBLES MORE ANCIENT SECRETS! YOU'D BETTER GIVE UP THE IDEA OF TAKING THE PEBBLES ALONG!
HUMBUG!
I'LL EXAMINE THEM IN MY ROOM TONIGHT!
YOU MAY BE IN FOR TROUBLE! I'VE WARNED YOU, PROFESSOR!
THAT NIGHT, IN HIS HOTEL ROOM...
I MUST CLASSIFY THESE PEBBLES.. HMM... LET ME SEE...
BUT AGAIN, THE WEIRD WITCH-DOCTOR APPEARS AND ATTACKS.
MY WORD! IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THESE PEBBLES ARE...!
YOU ARE TOO CLOSE TO THE ANCIENT SACRED POOL!
YOU WILL NOT SEE THE DAWN!
UGG!
WHACK!
AND THE PROFESSOR IS DRAGGED INTO THE JUNGLE.

MEANWHILE, IN HER ROOM, MARY BATSON IS RESTLESS!
MOTHER IS ASLEEP! BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE PROFESSOR. AND THAT WARNING! I'LL GO SEE IF HE IS SAFE IN HIS ROOM.
HERE GOME! LOOKS AS IF VIOLENCE OCCURRED! THIS CALLS FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY MARY MARVEL!
SHAZAM!
THE SHAZAM GIRL ONCE MORE TAKES UP THE TRAIL OF MYSTERY AS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL!
BOOM
WHERE WHY HAS HE TAKEN?
AN A TOM... IT LEADS INTO THE JUNGLE!
MEANWHILE DEEP IN THE JUNGLE A SECRET NATIVE CEREMONY BEGINS.
OH ANCIENT ONES! LOOK UPON US WITH FAVOR.
WAIT -- LOOK! AN OUTSIDER! HE IS SPYING ON US.
UH -- EH -- WH-WHERE AM I?
THE NATIVES OF THE PROFESSOR LEFT PRISONER IN THE JUNGLE BY HIS ATTACKER.
HE HAS DARED INVADE OUR ANCIENT CEREMONY! THE PENALTY IS --- DEATH ON THE ALTAR!

BUT--BUT WE HAVE NOT IMPOSED THE DEATH PENALTY FOR MANY YEARS. PERHAPS WE SHOULD LET HIM GO....
NO! IT IS THE ANCIENT LAW! HE MUST DIE ON THE ALTAR!
I MYSELF WILL DELIVER THE DEATH-BLOW!
HELP! OHHH!
BUT MARY MARVEL ARRIVES AT THE HORRIBLE SCENE!
HOLY MOLEY! THE PROFESSOR'S ON THE ALTAR.
HELP!
RUNS TO A STONE SLAB. THE PROFESSOR LIES PROFESSOR AMES' THE DEATH STONE!
AHAM!
THE FLYING GIRL! SHE SAVED ME AGAIN.
ANOTHER GIRL!! CAPTURE HER!
SORRY, BUT THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE!
GOSH, I DON'T WANT TO KEEP BEAT-ING UP THESE MISGUIDED PEOPLE. I WISH I KNOW HOW TO IMPRESS THEM..
WAIT. LET ME SHOW YOU GREAT MAGIC.
SHAZAM!
MAGIC LIGHTNING! YIIIIIIIII!

THAT IS GREAT MAGIC. GO IN PEACE!
I'LL UNTIE YOU, PROFESSOR!
MARY BATSON LOOSENS THE PROFESSOR'S BONDS AS THE FRIGHTENED NATIVES FLEE!
THANKS MARY! BUT HOW DID YOU--?
NEVER MIND THAT, PROFESSOR! LET'S JUST GET BACK TO THE HOTEL!
BUT SUDDENLY...
THE WITCH-DOCTOR! BUT WHAT IS HE RUNNING FROM?
YOU'LL FIND OUT!
A BLACK PANTHER!
HAH! I TOOK A CHANCE AND MADE THE PANTHER CHASE ME! BUT NOW WE'LL CLAIM YOU BOTH TO REMAIN!
GROWRRRR
HOLY MOLEY--
SHAZAM!
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL EASILY SUBDUES THE FEROCIOUS JUNGLE KILLER!
YEEEP!
WHAP!
CURSES! CAN NOTHING STOP THE COMPOSING GIRL?

PRACTICALLY NOTHING MISTER! AND NOW...
LET'S SEE WHO YOU ARE. UNDER THAT HEAD-DRESS!
"—I MEAN THE DOCTOR IS UNMASKED!
WAY—IT'S ROGUE ROAGUE, THE SHOW CREEPER! BUT WHY DID YOU TRY TO KILL THE PROFESSOR?
I THINK I KNOW THE REASON NOW!
YOU SEE THESE PEBBLES WE TOOK IN ARE REALLY DIAMONDS! UNCUT DIAMONDS LOOK LIKE ORDINARY STONES.
AH! MOLEY! WHEN WHILE PRETENDING TO GIVE AWAY HIS GOODS FOR WORTHLESS PEBBLES ROAGUE HAS REALLY SWINDLING THE NATIVES OUT OF DIAMONDS, UNKNOWN TO THEM! WHAT A SCOUNDREL!
SO WHEN YOU, PROFESSOR, THREATENED TO REVEAL THAT THE 'PEBBLES' WERE DIAMONDS, ROAGUE DRESSED UP AS A NATIVE WITCH-DOCTOR AND TRIED TO KILL YOU AND BLAME IT ON THE NATIVES! ROAGUE GOES TO JAIL FOR THIS AND THE DIAMONDS GO BACK TO THE NATIVES! IT WILL MAKE THEM RICH AND BRING MANY MORE GOODS THAT THEY NEED!
Take a memo Girls!
SUBJECT: MARY MARVEL CLUB


HOWLEY
IBA
AGGIES 62
VISITORS 8
THE LAW OF AVERAGES WAS AGAINST US
IN HIS 19 YEAR CAREER IBA HAS PILED UP 416 WINS AGAINST 97 LOSSES — AN 810 VICTORY AVERAGE
HELP YOURSELF!
"I LIKE TO SEE MY BOYS EATING PLENTY OF MILK, FRUIT AND WHEATIES. BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS" SAYS HENRY IBA. "GOOD NOURISHMENT AND WHEATIES FLAVOR MAKES A COMBINATION THAT'S HARD TO BEAT. THANK YOU... AND THAT GOES WHEN YOU HELP YOURSELF TO WHEATIES."
YOU'RE A REAL CHAMPION
IBA IS THE ONLY BASKETBALL COACH TO EVER GET TWO NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. HIS OKLAHOMA AGGIES TOOK THE TITLE ON SUCCESS IN YEARS 1945 AND 1946
AFTER EATING WHEATIES, I'M READY FOR A FULL DAY ON THE COURT
WHEATIES
WHEATIES
"BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS"
WITH MILK AND FRUIT

BOY SCOUT BOB
STANDS UP FOR HIS RIGHTS
OUCH!
I GUESS I OUGHT TO GIVE HIM MY SEAT
YOU CAN HAVE MY SEAT MISTER
THANK YOU YOUNG MAN
THAT'S VERY NICE OF YOU I SUPPOSE THAT'S YOUR GOOD DEED FOR TODAY
?
I JUST WANT TO PROTECT RUBES FROM YOUR

MARY MARVEL'S MAGIC
SOLVES HER EASTER PROBLEM

OH DEAR ONLY $3.00, AND I'VE GOT TO HAVE A NEW EASTER DRESS! EVERY OTHER GIRL IN SCHOOL IS GETTING SOMETHING NEW WHAT SHALL I DO?
I KNOW I'LL GO TO MADAME ADELE SHE MAKES SUCH PERFECT DRESSES!
SUPER! YOU MUST HAVE USED MY MAGIC POWERS TO TURN OUT SUCH MARVELOUS VALUE!
LATER, AT MADAME ADELE'S...
OF COURSE MARY I'LL WHIP UP SOMETHING SWEET RIGHT NOW! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE A REALLY GAY FLOWER PRINT?
NOW THERE ALL FINISHED
OH, IT'S SIMPLY DIVINE JUST THE WAY I WANTED IT! WON'T THE GIRLS ENVY ME? AND IT COST ONLY $2.98

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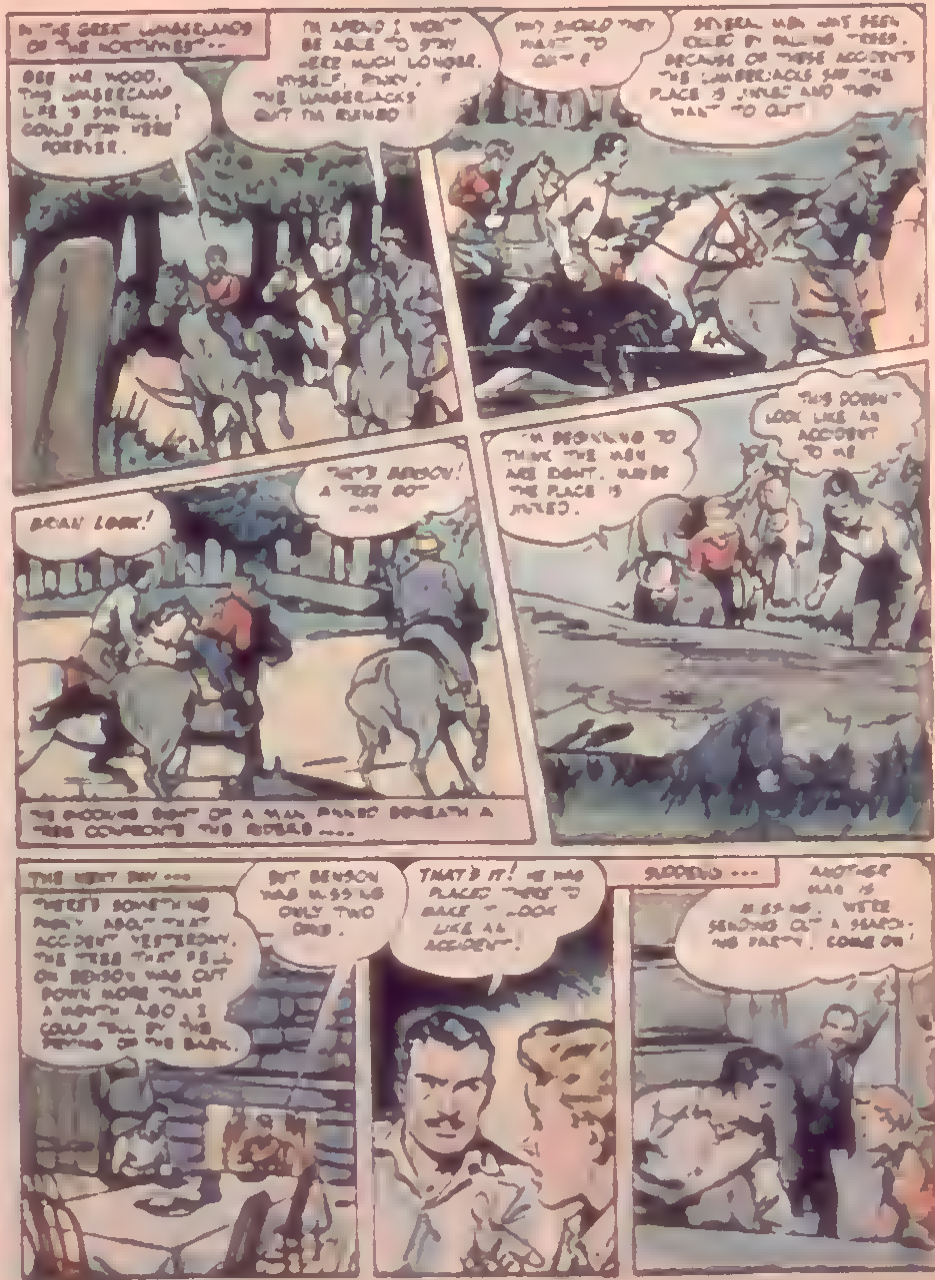
MR. SCARLET AND PINKY
The Crimson Crusaders of Justice!
MURDER in the TALL TIMBERS
BRIAN BUTLER AND HIS MATE PINKY, ARE VACATIONING AT THE LUMBER CAMP OF A FRIEND IN THE NORTH WOODS WHEN SEVERAL MYSTEROUS DEATHS DEMAND THE ACTION OF THAT DYNAMIC DUO DESIGNATED AS MR. SCARLET AND PINKY, THE CRIMSON CRUSADERS OF JUSTICE


IN THE GREAT LUMBERCAMPS OF THE NORTHWEST...
SEE THE WOOD. THIS LUMBERCAMP LIFE IS SWELL. I COULD STAY HERE FOREVER.
I'M AFRAID I WON'T BE ABLE TO STAY HERE MUCH LONGER. MYSELF, FINNY, THE LUMBERJACKS WANT TO RUN!
WHY SHOULD THEY WANT TO GO?
SEVERAL MEN HAVE BEEN KILLED BY FALLING TREES. BECAUSE OF THESE ACCIDENTS THE LUMBERJACKS SAY THE PLACE IS JINXED AND THEY WANT TO QUIT.
BOAN LOOK!
THAT'S BENSON! A TREE HAS—
THE SHOCKING SIGHT OF A MAN PINNED BENEATH A TREE CONFRONTS THE RIVERS....
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THE MEN ARE RIGHT. SURE THE PLACE IS JINXED.
THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT TO ME
THE NEXT DAY...
THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT THAT ACCIDENT YESTERDAY. THE TREE THAT FELL ON BENSON WAS CUT DOWN MORE THAN A MONTH AGO. I COULD TELL BY THE FRESHNESS OF THE BARK.
BUT BENSON WAS KILLED ONLY TWO DAYS.
THAT'S IT! HE WAS PLACED THERE TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT.
SUDDENLY...
ANOTHER MAN IS MISSING. WE'RE SENDING OUT A SEARCHING PARTY. COME ON!

IT LOOKS AS IF IT'S TIME BE SCARLET AND PINKY WENT TO WORK.
: EVEN THIS VACATION COULDN'T LAST. LET'S GO.
AND BLAZE INTO ACTION
LET'S GO OVER AND FIND OUT WHO IS MISSING
RESUMING THEIR OUTER GARMENTS THE DYNAMIC DUO, SCARLET AND PINKY APPEAR...
HOLD IT! WE GOT A MATCH. BE... FOLLOW THAT MAN SMOKING ONE.
YOU MEAN THE ONE WITH THE GREEN STAR ON HIS JACKET?
RIGHT! THAT STAR COULD HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE MOSS ON THE TREE THAT HIT THE LUMBERJACK.
AT THE END OF THE TRAIL...
WE'RE ALL SET PETERS. HE'S UNCONSCIOUS
WE'VE GOT TO HURRY THEY'RE SENDING OUT A SEARCH AND RESCUE PARTY
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE ANOTHER 'ACCIDENT'?
THEY — ALL GUFF. THEN WE CAN BUY THE PLACE FOR PRACTICALLY NOTHING!
WHERE WE LEFT THE TREE YOU KNOCK HIM UNCONSCIOUS WITH A LOG. LOOK AS IF HE WAS CRUSHED BY THE FALLING TREE

BUT THE CRIMSON CLAD FIGHTING MEN HAVE SEEN ENOUGH ....
TIMBER !!
IT'S MR. SCARLET AND PINKY!
BUT THE TWO OTHER MEN STRIKE FROM BEHIND.
THIS IS FOR YOU AND IT'S NO ACCIDENT
IS THIS DOESN'T BREAK THE JAW I WILL BREAK YOUR ARM
WHAM-CRACK
CONK!
UGH!
THIS WILL COST YOU GUYS.
THOSE BOSES' ACCIDENTS WILL BE EVEN BETTER IF WE PAY THE BIG FELLOW TO A DOG. WE'LL GIVE HIM A DIFFERENT TREATMENT.
MAKE IT HIGH AND THEN TOSS HIM INTO THE RIVER!
MR. SCARLET IS BOUND TO A TREE WHILE UNCONSCIOUS...
THE BIG ONE TO THE SWIFT CURRENTS
HE'LL FLOAT AROUND THE BEND AND BE CAUGHT WHEN HE GOES OVER THE FALLS
YOU LET'S GET BACK AND HELP PADDLE ONE OF THE OTHER TWO
SPLASH!
BUT THE COLD WATER REVIVES MR. SCARLET...
WHA..?
S-THIS IS NECESSARY!

THESE WET ROPES STRETCH A LITTLE. NOW IF I CAN GET THEM AGAINST THE BARK...
THAT DOES IT! NOW TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I GET MASHED DOWN WITH THE WOODWORK.
ONE LITTLE PULL AND I WILL BE FREE!
MR. BEARLE" BEARS A BOLDE.
I'VE GOT TO GET BACK BEFORE ANYTHING HAPPENS TO PINKY.
MEANWHILE...
NOW THAT HE'S CONSCIOUS AND CAN FEEL IT, LET THE TREE FALL ON HIM. THAT WILL TEACH HIM TO INTERFERE WITH MY PLANS!
LET ME UP FOR ONE MINUTE AND I'LL BREAK YOU ALL INTO SPLINTERS!
LET 'ER DROP!
LET 'ER DROP, MEN!

OH YEE SPLEE THAT WOODSMAN.
AS THE TIRED CRAWDAD EARTHMAN
I WANT TO SEE YOU IN THE BACK OF THE COMPUTER WE'LL BE DOWN SHOPPING DOWN TO 30.
WATCH THE CHOPS FLY.
THUD!
AND SO THE LAST OF THE CRAWDADIAN PATH.
THEY'RE TOO MUCH FOR US. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

THE RIVER IS JAMMED! WE CAN CROSS IT HERE.
HURRY! BEFORE THEY CATCH UP TO US.
THERE THEY ARE. LET'S GO.
COME IT! LISTEN TO THAT WARRIOR-TALK
GET OFF THOSE LOGS! THEY'RE BLASTING THE JAMMED LOGS WITH DYNAMITE!
THE BRITISH COLONISTS RACE FOR THE RIVER...
BUT PETERS AND HIS MEN DO NOT HEAR THE WARNING...
BA-OOM!
THAT'S THE END OF THEM! THEY WENT UP WITH A REAL ACCIDENT!
YOU CAN TELL THE MEN THAT THE ROAD IS BROKEN.
THANKS TO MR. SCARLET AND PANSY!

WANTED! *Skinny Weaklings* to become HE-MEN

"Let me show YOU too, HOW TO MAKE YOURSELF

COMMANDO -TOUGH

inside and out . . . in double quick time —OR IT WON'T COST YOU A CENT!"

says *George F. Jowett*

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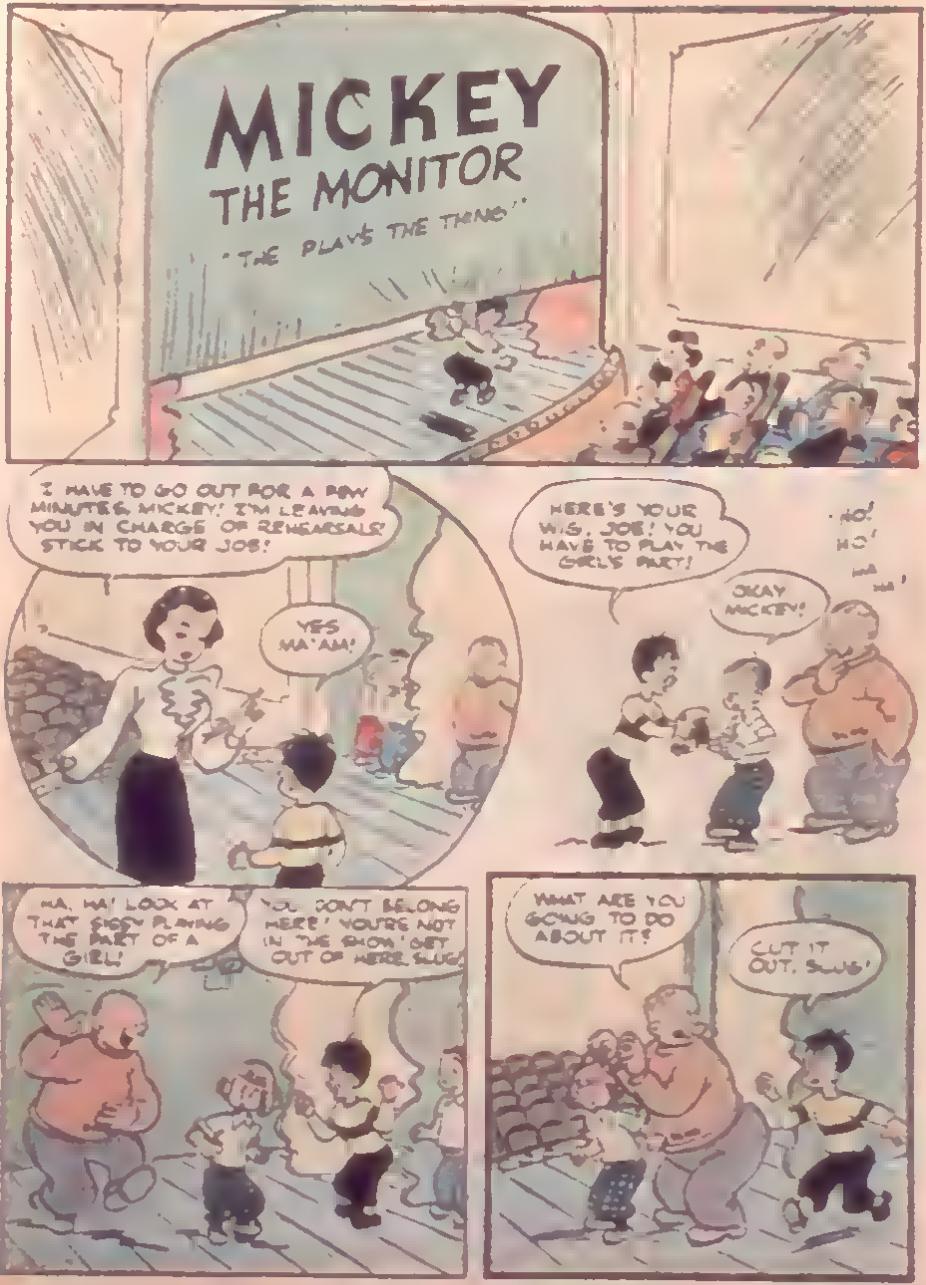
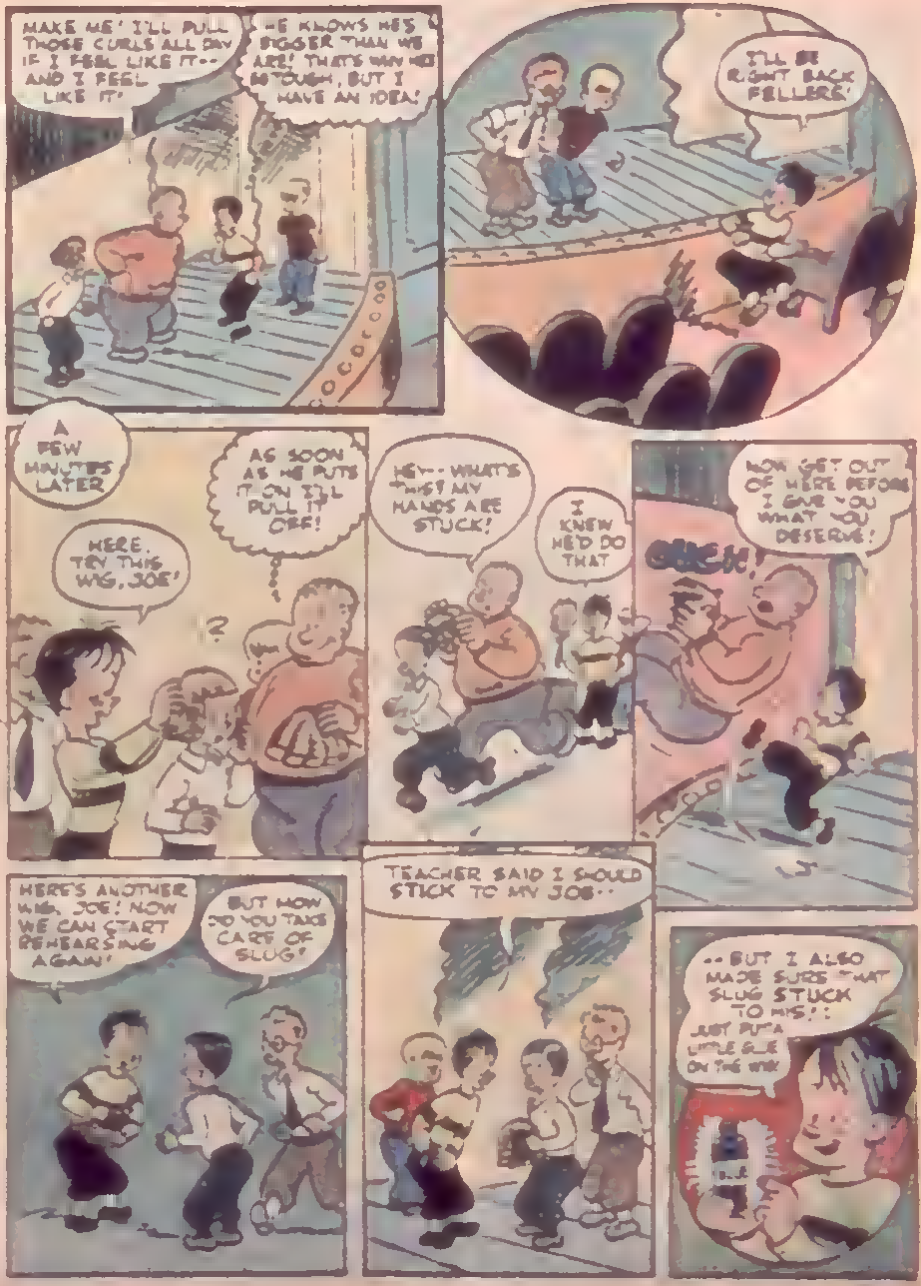

MICKEY
THE MONITOR
"THE PLAYS THE THING"
I HAVE TO GO OUT FOR A FEW MINUTES, MICKEY! I'M LEAVING YOU IN CHARGE OF REHEARSALS! STICK TO YOUR JOB!
YES MA'AM!
HERE'S YOUR WIG, JOE! YOU HAVE TO PLAY THE GIRL'S PART!
HO! HO! HA, HA!
OKAY MICKEY!
HA, HA! LOOK AT THAT SISSY PLAYING THE PART OF A GIRL!
YOU DON'T BELONG HERE! YOU'RE NOT IN THE SHOW! GET OUT OF HERE, SLUG!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
CUT IT OUT, SLUG!


MAKE ME! I'LL PULL THOSE CURLS ALL DAY IF I FEEL LIKE IT-- AND I FEEL LIKE IT!
-HE KNOWS HE'S BIGGER THAN WE ARE! THAT'S WHY HE'S SO TOUGH, BUT I HAVE AN IDEA!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK FELLERS!
A FEW MINUTES LATER
HERE. TRY THIS WIG, JOE!
AS SOON AS HE PUTS IT ON I'LL PULL IT OFF!
HEY-- WHAT'S THIS? MY HANDS ARE STUCK!
I KNEW HE'D DO THAT
NOW GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU DESERVE!
GRR-R!
HERE'S ANOTHER WIG, JOE! NOW WE CAN START REHEARSING AGAIN!
BUT HOW DO YOU TAKE CARE OF SLUG?
TEACHER SAID I SHOULD STICK TO MY JOB--
-- BUT I ALSO MADE SURE THAT SLUG STUCK TO HIS!: JUST PUT A LITTLE GLUE ON THE WIG

THE PHANTOM EAGLE

GUARDIAN OF THE AIRWAYS

CATTLE RUSTLING — THE UNPARDONABLE SIN OF THE RANGE — CUTS A TRAIL INTO THE SKY-LANES BEHIND THE PHANTOM EAGLE, IN A THUNDERING DRAMA OF POUNDING HOOFBEATS AND BLAZING LEAD AS THE GALLANT PHANTOM EAGLE'S BRILLIANT CAREER TO END IN AN UNMARKED GRAVE IN BOOT HILL! OR WILL JUSTICE TRIUMPH THOUGH THE VERY FORCES OF LAW AND ORDER WITH WHICH HE SO STOUTLY DEFENDS ARE TURNED AGAINST HIM BY THE

RUSTLING MAVERICKS OF THE SKY TRAILS!

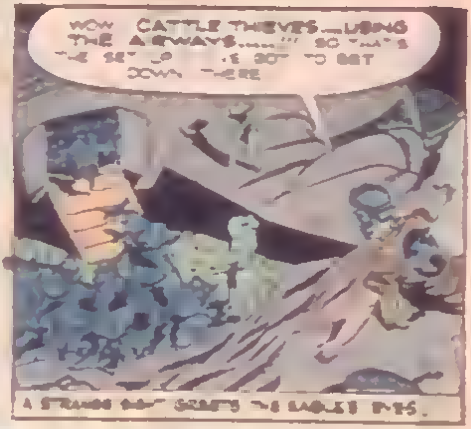
MODERN MALONE, BOY MECHANIC JOINS THE AIR WING OF THE FLYING PHOENIX SQUADRON AGAINST [illegible] OF THE [illegible] FORCES [illegible] IDENTITY [illegible] AS GUARDIAN OF THE AIRWAYS BY THE NATIONAL AIR-LINES — TO KEEP THE SKY-LANES FREE FROM VILLAINY AND CORRUPTION IS THE CELEBRATED PHANTOM EAGLE!

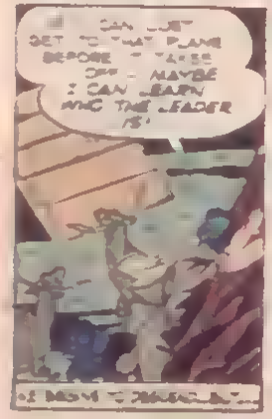
FLYING HIGH OVER THE MIDDLE SOUTH-WESTERN PLAINS, THE [illegible] ABLE PHANTOM EAGLE, GUARDIAN OF THE AIRWAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, RETURNS FROM AN IMPORTANT MISSION

SURE LOOKS PEACEFUL DOWN THERE! THE CANYONS [illegible] LIKE STRIPES OF SHADOW FROM UP HERE — THERE'S A PRETTY DEEP ONE UP AHEAD

WHAT TH..! A PHOSPHORESCENT FLIVVER [illegible] THE FLOOR OF THAT CANYON! THERE'S [illegible] MYSTERY STRAIN ABOUT THIS [illegible] DOING [illegible]

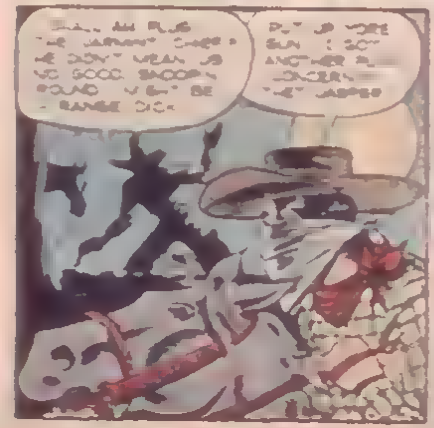
A FEW MOMENTS LATER, AFTER
THE COMET PLANE ON A MESA
THE CANYON...
GOOD THING I SET MY BRAKE AND
GLIDED IN... SOLAC TRAVELS FAR OUT
HERE! NOW FOR A LOOK INTO THE
CANYON.


WOW CATTLE THIEVES...USING
THE AIRWAYS.....!!! SO THAT'S
THE SET-UP! I'D BETTER GET
DOWN THERE
A STRANGE RAY SHOOTS THE EAGLE'S EYES.


CAN JUST
GET TO THAT PLANE
BEFORE IT TAKES
OFF - MAYBE
I CAN LEARN
WHO THE LEADER
IS!

OOPS! I'M
FALLING-
WAH-
AH'LL
BE...

YORE FALLIN'
AWRIGHT... INTO
A PASSEL O'
TROUBLE
MISTER.
AWK!


AH PLUG
THE JAPANEE CHIEF'S
HE DON'T WEAR US
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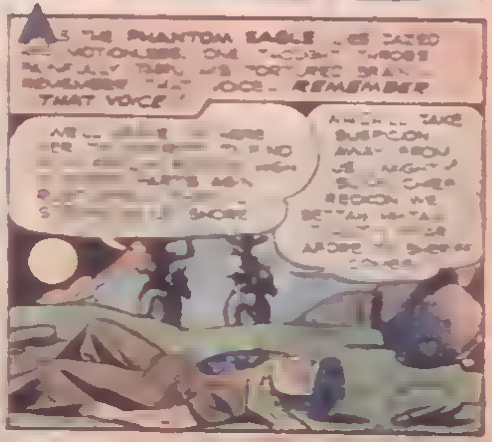
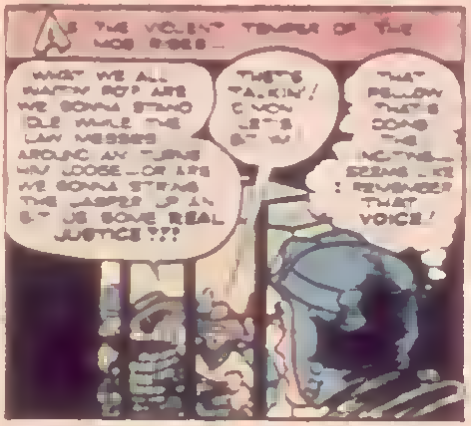
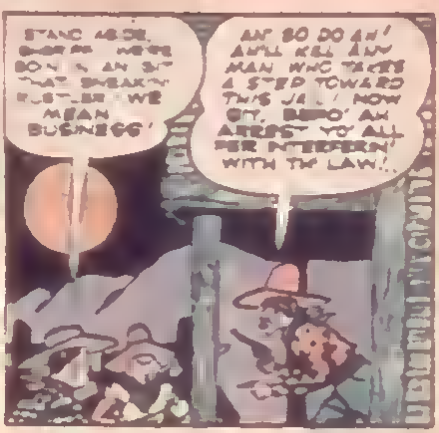
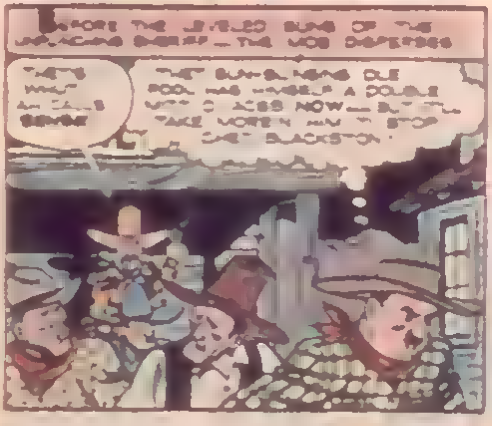
CONCERN
THE JAPEE


AS THE PHANTOM EAGLE IS DAZED
AND VICTORIOUS, ONE "HOOSH" THROBS
PAINFULLY THRU HIS TORTURED BRAIN...
REMEMBER THAT VOICE! VOICE - REMEMBER
THAT VOICE
AWK-UH... TAKE
SUSPICION
AWAY FROM
ME MIGHTY
QUICK CURE
REDSKIN WE
BETTAH WATCH
MORE SHARP

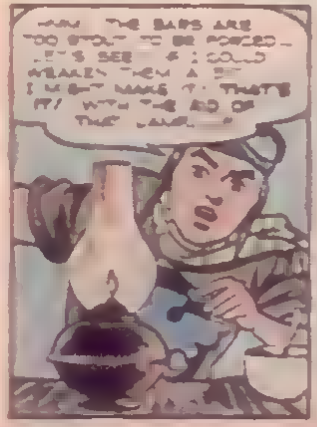
WHILE A FEW MILES AWAY—
THE TRAIL HEADS INTO THAT CANYON UP AHEAD, SHERIFF!
BY YORE SMOOTH MOVES READY, BOYS! WE MAIN BE ABLE TO SURPRISE THE VARMINTS! AN AIN'T GOING TA IN BAC OR ALIVE!
THERE'S ONE OF THE "HIDING COYOTES" COVER THE SHERIFF WHILE AH LAY MAH ROPE ON 'IM!
OWW! MY HEAD!
GOT 'IM!
YORE UNDER ARREST! START TALKIN' STRANGER! WE DON'T AIN'T GOODLE COW THIEVES IN THESE PARTS
WHA—?
YOU'RE MAKING A GREAT MISTAKE, SHERIFF! I TRIED TO PREVENT THE CATTLE THIEVES FROM GETTING AWAY WITH THE CATTLE, BUT WAS STRUCK DOWN AND LEFT HERE! I'M THE PHANTOM EAGLE!
PHANTOM EAGLE, EH? AH DON'T CARE IF YORE GHOST BUZZARD! YO AIN TELLIN' IT TA THE JUDGE AHFU TAKIN YO T
KEEP YO EYES PEELED FO TROUBLE, BOYS! WHEN MORC'S IT'S FOUND THEY'RE SOT A BUSTLER BITTIN IN DUR HAIR, SOME FOLKS MIGHT SAY THE NOTION STRIKES 'EM UP
CAN'T SAY I BLAME 'EM NO HOW!
CAFE
PARADISE
STRING THE RUSTLIN VARMINT UP, BOYS! WE WUZ KEYCHED BAD-HANDED!
HANGING'S TOO GOOD FOR 'EM! LES TAKE 'EM OUT TO THE ANTS!
SHUT UP THERE! WON'T BE NO LYNCHIN WHILE AHM SHERIFF! IT'S UP TO THE LAW!
COUNT
SIT IN THAT CELL! IT'S MAH DUTY TO PROTECT YO FROM THE MOB AN AH AIN TO DO MAH DUTY YO GIN HELP SOME BY STAYIN AWAY FROM THEY WINDOW FER A SPELL— TELL AH DISPERSE THEY BLOODTHIRSTY CRONIES
VERY WELL, SHERIFF


AS THE VIOLENT TEMPER OF THE MOB RISES—
WHAT WE ALL WANTIN ROP ARE WE GONNA STAND IDLE WHILE THE LAW MESSES AROUND AN TURNS HIM LOOSE—OR ARE WE GONNA STRAIN THE HALTER UP AN GIT US SOME REAL JUSTICE???
THAT'S TALKIN! C'MON —LET'S GIT 'IM!
THAT FELLOW THAT'S DOING THE SINGING SEEMS LIKE I REMEMBER THAT VOICE!

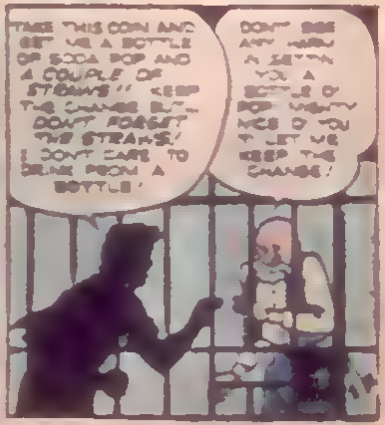

STAND ASIDE, BARNEY! WE'RE GONNA BE AN SET THAT SMEARIN' FLATTER WE MEAN BUSINESS!
AH SO DO AH! AHLL KILL ANY MAN WHO TAKES A STEP TOWARD THIS JAIL! NOW GIT, BEBO AH ARREST YO ALL FER INTERFERIN' WITH THE LAW!


BEFORE THE LEVELED GUNS OF THE ONCOMING SHERIFF—THE MOB DISPERSES
THAT'S WHAT AH CALLS SENSE!
THAT SUN-SLINGING OLE FOOL HAS HANDLED A DOUBLE LOT O' ACES NOW— BUT I'LL TAKE MORE'N HIM TO STOP CHET BLACKSTON!

THAT VOICE AGAIN! WHAT— I'VE GOT IT!! I HEARD IT IN THE CANYON —JUST BEFORE I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE HE HAS A CHANCE TO REORGANIZE THAT MOB— BUT HOW??


HMM— THE BARS ARE TOO STOUT TO BE FORCED— LET'S SEE— I COULD WEAKEN THEM A BIT! I MIGHT MAKE IT! THAT'S IT! WITH THE AID OF THAT LAMP—

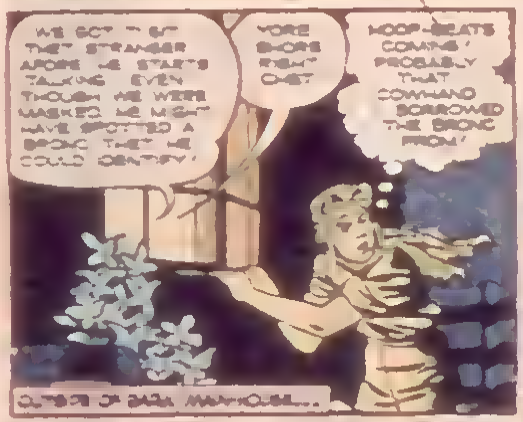
HEY, JAILER! COME HERE!

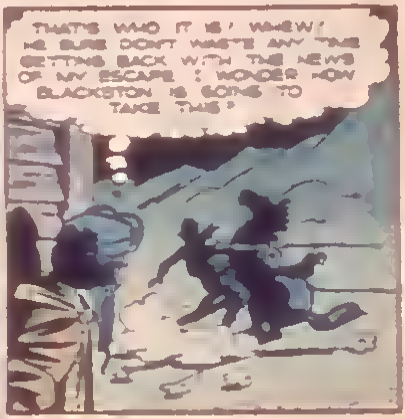

TAKE THIS COIN AND GET ME A BOTTLE OF SODA POP AND A COUPLE OF STRAWS" KEEP THE CHANGE BUT— DON'T FORGET THE STRAWS! I DON'T CARE TO DRINK FROM A BOTTLE!
DON'T SEE ANY HARM IN GETTIN YOU A BOTTLE O' POP— VERY NICE O' YOU TO LET ME KEEP THE CHANGE!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER!
THANKS! SAY, BY THE WAY, WHO WAS THAT FELLOW THAT TRIED TO HAVE ME LYNCHED?
THAT WAS CHET BLACKSTON OF THE BAR-X— BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY NOW WITH ME PROTECTIN' YA! GOOD NIGHT!
WHILE THE JAILER SNOOZES BLISSFULLY UNAWARE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING— THE PHANTOM EAGLE CLEVERLY USES THE FLAME TO IMPROVISE AN INGENIOUS MEANS OF ESCAPE— A BLOW-TORCH!!
BY FEEDING THIS KEROSENE LAMP FLAME MORE OXYGEN THE FLAME BECOMES HOTTER! IN A FEW MINUTES I'LL HAVE ENOUGH TEMPER OUT OF THESE BARS TO ENABLE ME TO BEND THEM EASILY!
IT WON'T BE LONG NOW! AH— THAT DOES IT!
SOFTENED BY THE INTENSE HEAT, THE BARS PREVENT THE BRAVE EAGLE TO ESCAPE.
NOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A CERTAIN PARTY CALLED— CHET BLACKSTON! THAT HORSE IS BEARING THE BAR-X BRAND— WHAT A BREAK!
AS THE PHANTOM EAGLE TENSELY WATCHES A BAR-X COW BOY STRIDES UP TO THE HORSE AND PREPARES TO MOUNT—
JUST MY LUCK TO HAVE HIM COME OUT AT THIS MOMENT! I NEED THAT HORSE SO I'LL HAVE TO BORROW IT— THE HARD WAY! FOR HIM!!
SAY! THET JASPER'S BUSTED OUTA JAIL!" AH'LL HAVE T' TELL CHET!
YOU'LL HAVE TO TELL HIM LATER— AFTER YOU WAKE UP!

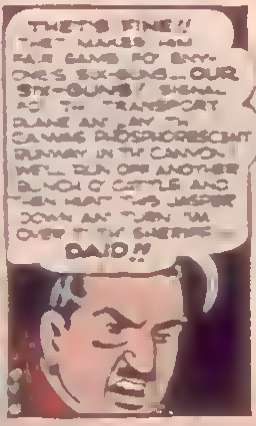
COME ON, HORSE! GET MOVING! GIDDAP!
GALLOP
THE PHANTOM EAGLE HUNTS A BRONCO AND MOUNTS AND...

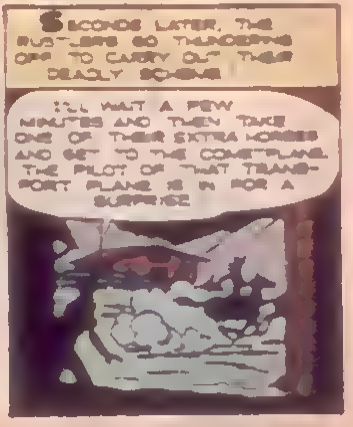
GIVEN ITS HEAD, THE TERRIFIED BRONC SPEEDS FOR HOME—THE BAR-X RANCH!
THE RANCH HOUSE IS LIT UP! LOOKS LIKE CHET BLACKSTON ISN'T GETTING ANY SLEEP—I'D BETTER DISMOUNT HERE AND SCOUT AROUND THE PLACE!


WE GOT T' GIT THET STRANGER AFORE HE STARTS TALKING. EVEN THOUGH WE WERE MASKED, HE MIGHT HAVE SPOTTED A BRONC THET HE COULD IDENTIFY!
YORE SHORE RIGHT, CHET
HOOF-BEATS COMIN'! PROBABLY THAT COWHAND BORROWED THE BRONC FROM!
OUTSIDE OF BARN MAYHOUSE...

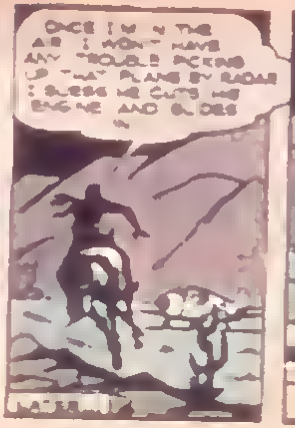

THAT'S WHO IT IS! WHEW! WE SURE DON'T WANTS ANY TIME GETTING BACK WITH THE NEWS OF MY ESCAPE! I WONDER HOW BLACKSTON IS GOING TO TAKE THIS?

WHAT'S TH' IDEA O' BUSTIN' IN HYAR?
THET BROOMIN' JASPER'S DONE BUSTED PLUMB OUTA JAIL!

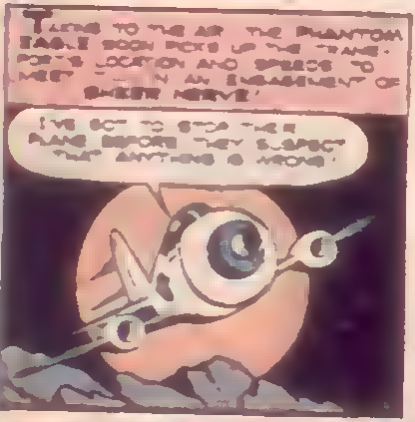

THET'S FINE!! THET MAKES HIM FAIR GAME FO' ENY-ONE'S SIX-GUNS... OUR SIX-GUNS! SHALL AC' TH' TRANSPORT PLANE AN' ENY TH' CAHANG PHOSPHORESCENT RUNWAY IN TH' CANYON. WE'LL RUN OFF ANOTHER BUNCH O' CATTLE AND THEN HUNT THO JASPER DOWN AN' TURN 'IM OVER T' TH' SHERIFF—
DAID!!


SECONDS LATER, THE RUSTLERS GO THUNDERING OFF TO CARRY OUT THEIR DEADLY SCHEME
I'LL WAIT A FEW MINUTES AND THEN TAKE ONE OF THEIR EXTRA HORSES AND GET TO THE COMET-PLANE. THE PILOT OF THAT TRANSPORT PLANE IS IN FOR A SURPRISE.

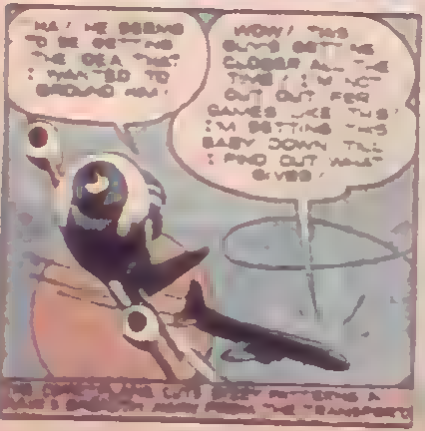
I WON'T TAKE THIS BRONC HOME TO BET ME TO THE COAST PLANE BABY BOY!


ONCE I'M IN THE AIR I WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE PICKING UP THAT PLANE BY RADAR : GUESS HE CUTS HIS ENGINE AND GLIDES IN

THIS IS MORE LIKE IT! THE AIR IS MY ELEMENT!
THE EAGLE GETS INTO THE COAST PLANE


TAKING TO THE AIR THE PHANTOM EAGLE SOON PICKS UP THE PLANE. FOR'S LOCATION AND SPEEDS TO MEET — IN AN EMBARRASSMENT OF SHEER NERVE!
I'VE GOT TO STICK THIS PLANE BEFORE THEY SUSPECT THAT ANYTHING IS WRONG!

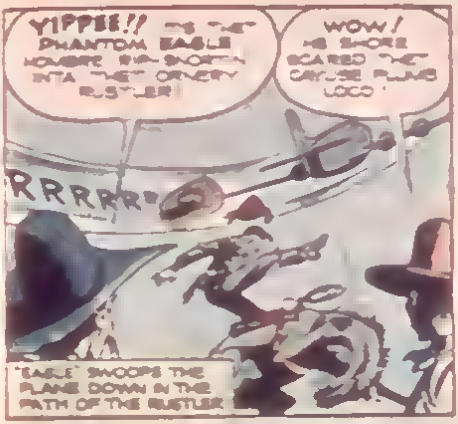
HERE GOES! HE'S GOT TO BE FORCED DOWN..... IF MY PLAN IS GOING TO WORK!
WHAT TH—?! THAT PILOT MUST BE OUTA HIS MIND WHEN HE'S DIVING AT ME!!

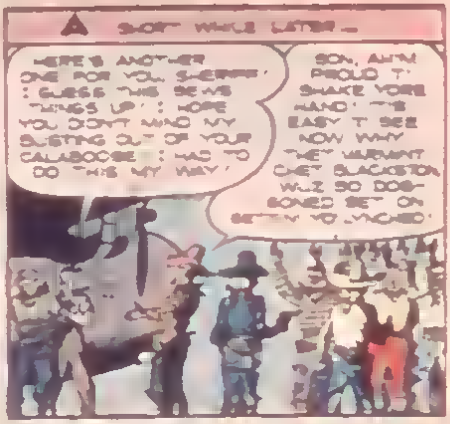

HA! HE SEEMS TO BE GETTING THE IDEA THAT I WANTED TO BREAK HIM!
WOW! THIS GUY'S GOT ME CLOSER ALL THE TIME! I'M NOT OUT OUT FOR GAMES LIKE THIS! I'M PUTTING THIS BABY DOWN TILL I FIND OUT WHAT GIVES!

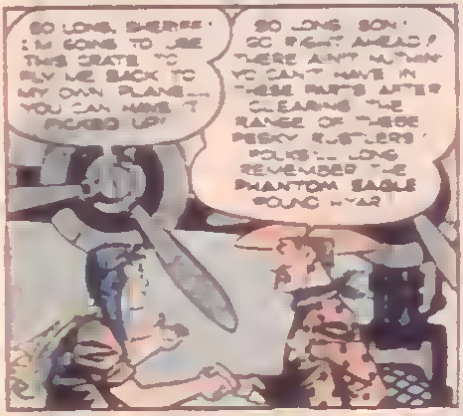
HE'S LANDING! SO FAR SO GOOD NOW TO TAKE THE PILOT'S PLACE BEFORE HE REALIZES WHAT'S UP

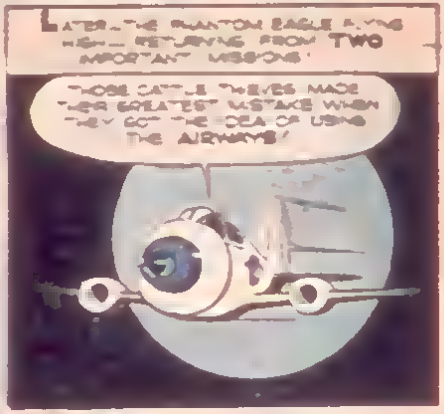
THE PHANTOM EAGLE LOSES NO TIME IN FORCING HIS WAY INTO THE ARMORED TRANSPORT PLANE.
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA??
YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!
I'VE GOT A DATE TO KEEP WITH A GANG OF RUSTLERS... IN YOUR PLACE!
AGH!
I DON'T THINK YOU'LL GIVE ME ANY MORE TROUBLE! NOW TO GET A MESSAGE TO THE SHERIFF AND START THINGS MOVING!
AS THE SHERIFF GRIMLY GATHERS A POSSE FOR THE MANHUNT, HE RECEIVES AN UNUSUAL MESSAGE IN AN UNUSUAL WAY!
WHAT IN TARNATION...?!! THE LOCOED FOOL IN THE PLANE THREW A MONKEY WRENCH AT US!
THEY'S A NOTE TIED TO IT SHERIFF
SHERIFF-- MEET ME AT THE CANYON WITH A POSSE AND I'LL HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU. THE PHANTOM EAGLE
OF ALL THE CONFOUNDED LARYE CURE TH, APPL, BE THAT!
A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE PHANTOM EAGLE HOPES THE BIG PLANE DOWN FOR A LANDING
I HOPE THE SHERIFF DOESN'T LOSE ANY TIME GETTING OUT HERE! HE'S GONNA TO COME IN HANDY WHEN THINGS START POPPING
HERE THEY COME WITH THE STOLEN CATTLE! I'D BETTER GET THE ROCKETS READY!
AS THE TRANSPORT LANDED, PHANTOM EAGLE QUICKLY SETS HIS PLAN INTO MOTION.

EL-ALONG YIP! YIP!
PUSH 'EM OVER TO THE PLANE BOYS! AWW—SHUN TO RUN THE HOMBRE DOWN AND ALL W PLANE FULL O HOLES
SUDDENLY...!
THE SHERIFF OUGHT TO BE GOTTA BE THESE CRITTERS INTO THE PLANE WE'LL USE THE PLANE FOR OUR GETAWAY TOO
HOT DOG THINGS ARE WORKING PERFECTLY NOW TO STAMPEDE THESE STEERS BACK TOWARD THE MOUTH OF THE CANYON TRAPPING THE RUSTLERS! THESE ROCKETS WILL DO IT
WHOOP! WHOOP! THAT'S... BRING THEM BACK ON THE DOUBLE
THE RUSTLERS PAC THEMSELVES BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA!
THARS THE DEVILING COYOTES JUST LIKE THE PHANTOM EAGLE FELLER FIGURED FAN OUT MEN AND KEEP BY COVERED
BUT IF VER HANDS PRONTO!
DESPERATELY THE OUTLAW, CHET BLACKSTON MAKES A LIGHTNING MOVE FOR HIS GU
YO AIN'T TAKING WE SHERIFF
LOOK OUT!
BUT THE OLD TIMER'S STREAKING HAND LEAPS INTO ACTION A SPLIT-SECOND SOONER AS THE SOUND OF VICTORY FILLS THE AIR


YIPPEE!! THAT'S THE PHANTOM EAGLE HOMBRE HAS SHOOTIN INTA THEM ORNERY RUSTLERS
WOW! HE SHORE SCARED THEM CAYUSE RUNS LOCO
RRRRRR
EAGLE SWOOPS THE PLANE DOWN IN THE PATH OF THE RUSTLER


A SHORT WHILE LATER—
HERE'S ANOTHER ONE FOR YOU, SHERIFF! I GUESS THIS SEWS THINGS UP! I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY BUSTING OUT OF YOUR CALABOOSE! HAD TO DO THIS MY WAY!
SON, AIN'T PROUD T' SHAKE YORE HAND! IT'S EASY T' SEE NOW WHY THEY WARRANT CHET BLACKSTON WUZ SO DOG-GONED SET ON GETTIN YO LYNCHED!


SO LONG, SHERIFF! I'M GOING TO USE THIS CRATE TO FLY ME BACK TO MY OWN PLANE— YOU CAN HAVE IT PICKED UP!
SO LONG SON! GO RIGHT AHEAD! THERE AIN'T NUTHIN YO CAN'T HAVE IN THESE PARTS AFTER CLEARING THE RANGE OF THESE PESKY RUSTLERS! FOLKS— LONG REMEMBER THE PHANTOM EAGLE FOUND HYAR!


LATER—THE PHANTOM EAGLE FLYING HIGH— RETURNING FROM TWO IMPORTANT MISSIONS!
THOSE CATTLE THIEVES MADE THEIR GREATEST MISTAKE WHEN THEY GOT THE IDEA OF USING THE AIRWAYS!

A HOT ONE
HEY BILLY! YOU'RE SO SMART— BET YOU DON'T KNOW WHICH TRAVELS FASTER— HEAT OR COLD
HEAT TRAVELS FASTER!
OH YEA— HOW DO YOU KNOW?
HEAT MUST TRAVEL FASTER BECAUSE ANYONE CAN CATCH COLD EASILY!

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It was a hazardous case
But Penny joined in the chase
She couldn't fail
With blackmail
Staring the D.A. in his face!

PENNY GRAVES was going to frame a man! In plain words, that was it. She was going to plant incriminating evidence on him, and then catch him with the goods. It was something she didn't want to do, but it was necessary.

It had all started early in the afternoon, when the girl detective received an urgent phone call from John Todd, District Attorney of Ocean City.

"Penny," Todd's voice had said over the phone "can you hurry over to my office? I—I need your help."

"Sure thing!" Penny Graves had replied. "I'll be right over."

When she arrived in Todd's office, she found the silver-haired official nervous and distraught, pacing up and down in front of the windows. He motioned her to a seat then continued to walk up and down.

"Well," he finally said, turning toward her with a forced smile, "here's the score. As you know, I've been laying the groundwork for an investigation of Paul Kirby. Today I had a surprise visitor. It was Kirby himself!"

"He came here?" Penny was surprised. Kirby, she knew, was an important figure in the underworld of Ocean City. Whatever he was backing, gambling, numbers, drugs or "protection" rackets, he had always managed to steer clear of the law. Then why had he come to the District Attorney's office?

"Kirby came," Todd said, in reply to Penny's unspoken question, "because he had heard that I was beginning an investigation of his activities. He wanted me to call it off. And I may have to!"

"Stop the investigation! But why?"

John Todd fingered a sheaf of photographs that lay on his desk.

"Kirby brought me these photographs," he said. "They show me accepting a bribe from a known underworld cameraman. He threatened to have them printed in every paper in Ocean City, the day before I come up for re-election!"

"But—I don't understand," cried Penny Graves.

"They're faked," said Todd. "But so cleverly done that I'd have trouble proving it. And I'd almost certainly lose the election before I could prove it!"

He smiled wearily. "The alternative Kirby offered me was to stop my investigation of him. It's play ball—or else."

Penny's fists clenched. "That's blackmail—pure and simple. Isn't there anything we can do?"

"I don't know, Penny. That's why I called you in. You've got the reputation of a wizard. If anybody can stop Kirby, you're the one!"

"Well, there's only one way to fight a rat like that," said the auburn-haired girl detective. "And that's with his own weapon!"

"... with ... his own weapon ..." she said more slowly. "I think ... I have something there!"

THAT WAS HOW Penny Graves decided that she would have to frame a man. If Paul Kirby could use blackmail on the D.A., she could use blackmail on Paul Kirby!

Now, as her sleek roadster sped through the dusk outside of Ocean City, Penny went over her plans in her mind. Kirby had a well-known night spot some distance from town, the "Riviera Club." That was where he had his office, and, reportedly, one place where none of his illegal activities were ever carried on. It would, therefore be the one place where Kirby would not be expecting trouble, and where Penny's scheme had a chance to succeed.

Briefly, this is what she had decided to do, after talking to the District Attorney. Two days before, the Ocean City Coast Patrol had nabbed a smuggler's boat, a mile offshore. On the boat had been found quantities of heroin, cocaine and opium. If she could somehow plant some of this drug supply somewhere in the "Riviera Club" so that it could be found by a searching police squad, then she would have a counter weapon against Kirby. When the squad found the drugs led by Penny, she could force the underworld chieftain to promise not to use the

photos of Todd that he had faked.

It was complicated, but in Penny's mind it was clear. And, while it involved a frame-up, she felt justified, since she knew well that Kirby had been in the drug trade, and was himself using an unscrupulous weapon against Todd.

Now, as the yellow headlights of her car picked up the "Rialto Club" road sign fifty yards ahead, Penny's foot pressed on the brake. She stopped the car turned off the lights and got out, taking with her a small wrapped package.

Kirby's night club was about a quarter mile off the highway on a private road.

Clutching the precious package of drugs Penny flitted through the underbrush till she came to the back of the night club. While she knew that two guards patrolled the front of the "Rialto Club," there seemed to be no one in the rear. Kneeling against the side of the stucco building, safely shadowed from the outside lights, the girl detective groped for a cellar window. Her hand moved over the rough surfaces, finally found the glass of a small window.

"Made it! Now to dig a little deeper —" said Penny under her breath.

Swiftly she scraped a — angular shape in the pane with her diamond ring. Gently she rapped it and the glass fell through, tinkling softly inside the cellar. Her arm went through the released catch of the window.

"So far, so good — Still clutching the package, the girl detective eased her way down into the cellar. A pencil-beamed flashlight flickered about the room, disclosed chairs and tables stacked high against each other a dusty stairway and a single door that appeared well-bolted. Penny began to thrust the package of drugs under a table, when suddenly a sound arrested her motion. She flicked the light off. It was a strange noise . . whirring, almost like a motor, or like a newspaper press. Where was it coming from?

Kneeling, she found a crack, through which a light showed faintly. Penny put her eye to the opening, and caught her breath at what she saw!

There, in a brightly lit room were three men. She recognized one of them as Paul Kirby. They were standing about a roller press, which was turning out what looked like sheaves of coupons—or scrolls. And one of the men was stacking the freshly printed green sheets in neat piles.

As Penny's eyes grew wide with surprise, she suddenly brushed against a cobweb. It caught her nostril, tickled. She fought the impulse, but—

"AH-CHOO!"

At the sound of the sneeze, the men inside the room sprang with surprise. One of them lunged at the door, swung it open.

"A girl!" Paul Kirby exclaimed. "Bring her in here, Phil!"

The man clutched Penny's arm, dragged her into the room.

"I recognize her, chief. She's the girl detective, Penny Graves!" gasped one of the thugs.

Kirby's black eyebrows drew down.

"I don't know what you're doin' here, snoop, but you're goin' to be sorry," he said, pointing at the press. "I can't afford to let anyone see this and walk away to tell about it —"

"Then it is counterfeiting!" Penny cried.

"Yeah but not money, Bonds," said Kirby. "Easier and just as quick to dispose of!"

He frowned. "But I ain't got time to gab about it. Boys, we got to take care of this gumshoe so she don't—"

"You wouldn't dare try anything like that!" Penny gestured at the door behind her. "I've got this place surrounded with cops. One move and they'll be in here."

The corner of Kirby's mouth twitched. "That's the oldest gag in the world. It ain't funny, Okay—"

"IT'S NOT EXACTLY A GAG, Paul," said a steely voice from behind the criminal. Penny and the crooks whirled, to see John Todd standing in the entrance of the room, gun leveled at Kirby. Behind him were three policemen.

"I didn't come with Penny, but I had a hunch she'd try something like this, so I followed to keep her out of trouble," the District Attorney went on. "Good thing I did because being sent up on a counterfeiting rap will keep you from using those faked photos."

Paul Kirby snarled, and grabbed at his hip pocket, simultaneously lunging for the shelter of the press.

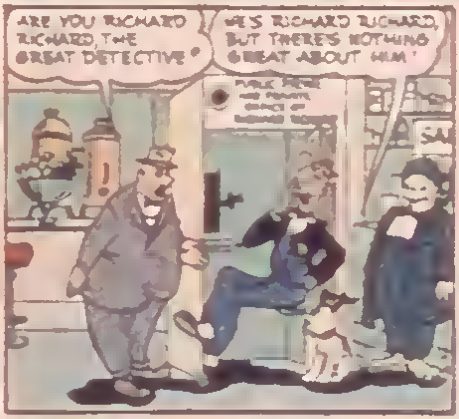
Penny grabbed for the lever of the press, threw her weight on it, and sent the carriage of the huge machine forward. It rumbled heavily against Paul Kirby. He was thrown to the ground, the gun toppling from his hand!

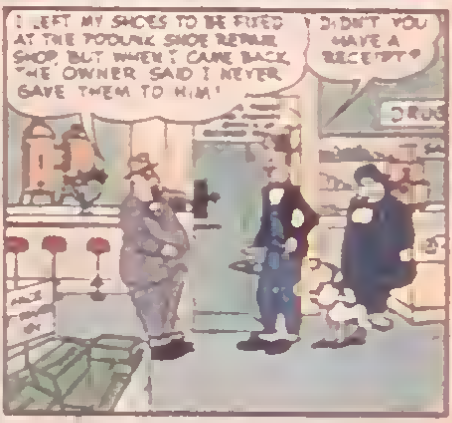
"NICE going, Penny," said John Todd dryly. "We seem to work pretty well as a team."

"I don't know, D.A." said Penny, brushing back her hair with a slim hand. "Here I set out to frame Kirby because he's really trying to frame you, and then I get the goods on him, which you were trying to do in the first place. And then when you catch him, I have to knock him out with his own press. It's too complicated for me! I'm going to use a nice simple detective movie!"

The End

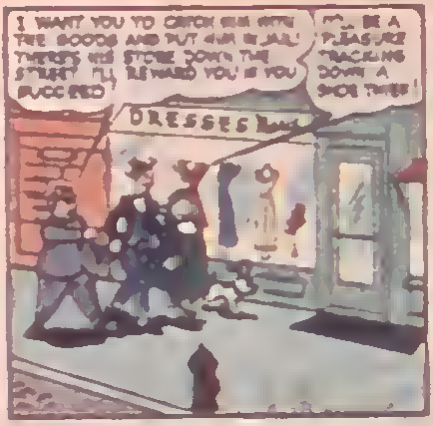
RICHARD RICHARD
PRIVATE DICK
'THE CASE OF THE MISSING SHOES'
WHEN RICHARD RICHARD, THE DETECTIVE AND HIS TWO ASSISTANTS, AH CHOO AND FLUB DUB, THE TALKING MUTT, TRY TO OUTGUESS A SHOE THIEF, IT'S A TIGHT SQUEEZE WHO WILL WIN!


ARE YOU RICHARD RICHARD, THE GREAT DETECTIVE?
HE'S RICHARD RICHARD, BUT THERE'S NOTHING GREAT ABOUT HIM!


I LEFT MY SHOES TO BE FIXED AT THE POOLIK SHOE REPAIR SHOP, BUT WHEN I CAME BACK THE OWNER SAID I NEVER GAVE THEM TO HIM!
DIDN'T YOU HAVE A RECEIPT?
DRUG

NO, WHEN I LEFT THE SHOES, HE SAID IT WASN'T NECESSARY, BUT WHEN I WENT BACK TO GET THEM, HE SAID HE NEVER SAW ME BEFORE, AND HE WOULDN'T GIVE THEM TO ME!
BUT WHAT GOOD ARE OLD SHOES TO HIM?

HE'S TRYING TO PULL A RACKET! HE TRIED TO SELL ME MY OLD SHOES BACK AS NEW ONES!
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?
DRUGS


I WANT YOU TO CATCH HIM WITH THE GOODS AND PUT HIM IN JAIL! THERE'S HIS STORE DOWN THE STREET. I'LL BE WAITING TO SEE YOU SUCCEED!
DRESSES
IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TRACKING DOWN A SHOE THIEF!

A FEW SECONDS LATER...
HOW CAN I PROVE OWNER CROOK?
BRING IN A PAIR OF SHOES TO BE REPAIRED!
IF I GIVE HIM MY SHOES I'LL HAVE TO GO BAREFOOTED!
PODUNK SHOE REPAIR SHOP

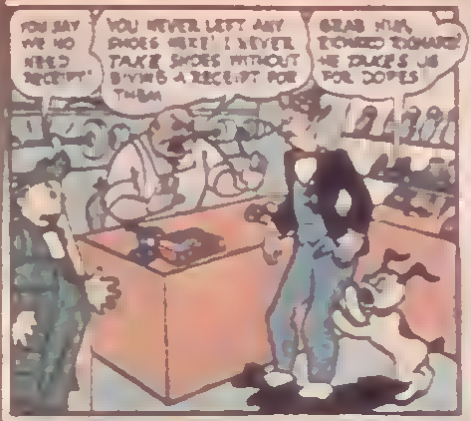
WE'LL HAVE TO GIVE HIM YOUR SHOES, AH CHOO!
BUT THEN WE HAVE TO GO BARE-FOOTED!

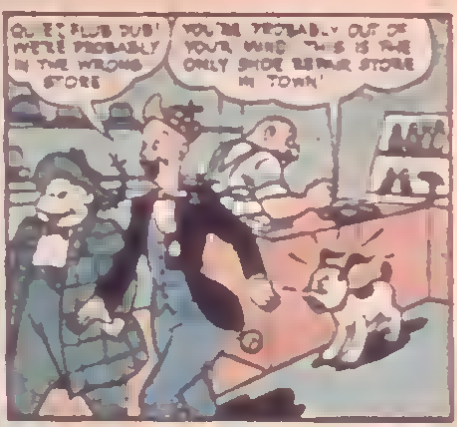
THAT'S VERY HEALTHY AH CHOO! IF YOU LEAVE YOUR FEET UNCOV-ERED THEY'LL GROW!
IN THAT CASE, RICHARD RICHARD, YOU OUGHT TO LEAVE YOUR BRAIN UNCOV-ERED!

I'D LIKE TO HAVE THESE SHOES FIXED!
OKAY, COME BACK LATER!
HOW ABOUT A RECEIPT?

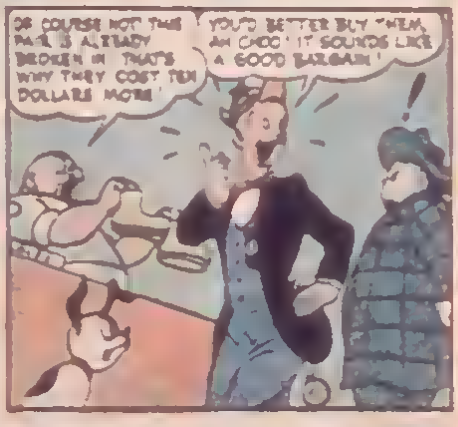
YOU DON'T NEED ANY I'LL RECOG-NIZE YOU!
IF HE DOESN'T, I'LL RECOGNIZE HIM AS THE CROOK

LATER.....
ARE AH CHOOS SHOES READY?
WHERE'S YOUR RECEIPT?

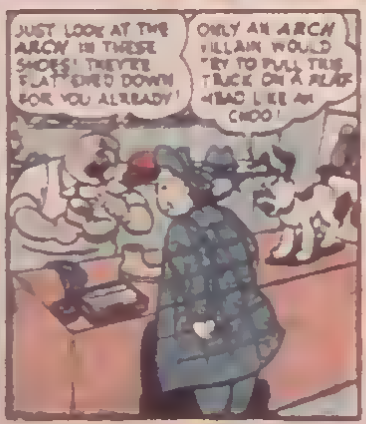

YOU SAY WE NO NEED RECEIPT?
YOU NEVER LEFT ANY SHOES HERE! I NEVER TAKE SHOES WITHOUT GIVING A RECEIPT FOR THEM
GRAB HIM, RICHARD RICHARD! HE TAKES US FOR DOPES!

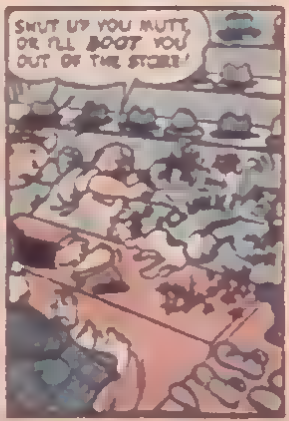

QUIET, PLUB DUB! WE'RE PROBABLY IN THE WRONG STORE
YOU'RE PROBABLY OUT OF YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE ONLY SHOE REPAIR STORE IN TOWN!

HOLD ON, PALS! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BUYING SOME NEW SHOES, I CAN SELL YOU A PAIR JUST LIKE THE KIND YOU WERE PROBABLY WEARING!
BUT THOSE AREN'T NEW!

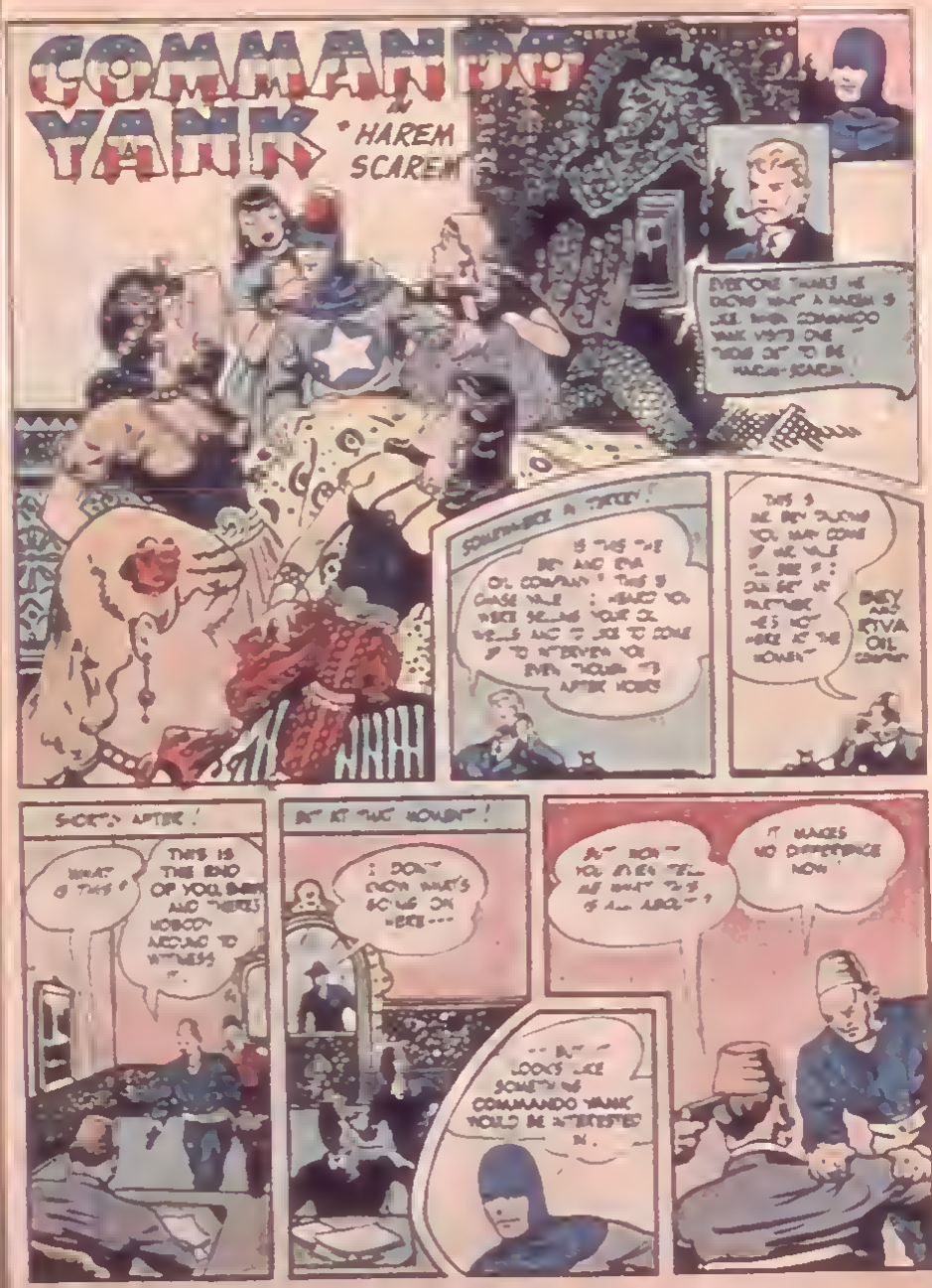

OF COURSE NOT THESE PAIR IS ALREADY BROKEN IN THAT'S WHY THEY COST TEN DOLLARS MORE!
YOU'D BETTER BUY 'EM, AH CHOO! IT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD BARGAIN!

KEEP YOUR MONEY IN YOUR POCKET, AH CHOO! THOSE ARE YOUR OWN SHOES! IT'S JUST LIKE OUR CLIENT SAID!


JUST LOOK AT THE ARCH IN THESE SHOES! THEY'RE FLAT-ENED DOWN FOR YOU ALREADY!
ONLY AN ARCH VILLAIN WOULD TRY TO PULL THIS TRICK ON A FLAT HEAD LIKE AH CHOO!


SHUT UP YOU MUTT, OR I'LL BOOT YOU OUT OF THE STORE!

ONLY A HEEL WOULD HIT A DOG!
I'LL GIVE YOU A LACING FOR THAT!
RICHARD RICHARD IS LUCKY HIS HEAD IS AS TOUGH AS SHOE LEATHER!
YOU DESERVE A TONGUE-LASHING AND I'M GOING TO GIVE IT TO YOU!
THIS VILLAIN HAS A BAD SOLE!
FIRST WE HIT PLUB DUB AND NOW AH CHOO! THIS IS THE LAST STRAW!
UGH!!
LET ME GIVE YOU A TIP! IF YOU DON'T COMPLY YOU'LL GET AN AWFUL BEATING
DON'T HIT ME ANY MORE! I'LL COMPLY!
I HOPE YOU ENJOY WEARING THOSE NEW SHOES I GAVE YOU FOR PUTTING THAT CROOK IN JAIL!
WOW IF WE COULD ONLY GET A CASE IN A RESTAURANT WE COULD END UP ONCE WITH SOMETHING TO EAT!


COMMANDO YANK
"HAREM SCAREM"
EVERYONE THINKS HE KNOWS WHAT A HAREM IS LIKE WHEN COMMANDO YANK VISITS ONE "GOES OFF" TO BE HAREM-SCAREM
SOMEWHERE IN TURKEY!
IS THIS THE BEY AND EVA OIL COMPANY? THIS IS CHASE VALE! HEARD YOU WERE SELLING YOUR OIL WELLS AND TO SEE IF I COULD BE INTERVIEW YOU EVEN THOUGH IT'S AFTER HOURS
THIS IS MR. BEY TALKING YOU MAY COME IF MR. VALE IS ALONE IF SO! OUR BEY IS PARTNER HE'S NOT HERE AT THE MOMENT
BEY AND EVA OIL COMPANY
SHORTLY AFTER!
WHAT IS THIS?
THIS IS THE END OF YOU, BEY AND THERE'S NOBODY AROUND TO WITNESS IT.
BUT AT THAT MOMENT!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING COMMANDO YANK WOULD BE INTERESTED IN.
BUT NOW YOU'LL TELL ME WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT?
IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE NOW!

SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR PLANS.
IT'S COMMANDO YANK!
YOU'LL WAIT 'NO YOUR BUSTED YANK. YOU'LL NEVER GET US!
YOU ARE TOO, GOING TO STOP US! YOU NO LONGER HAVE A GUN.
THIS MAN!
GULP! THEY PUSHED ME BUT OUT OF THE WINDOW.
ANOTHER PSYCHIC AND THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A JOB FOR MAN WAVING.
NOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU COMMANDO YANK FOR SAVING MY LIFE!
DON'T MIND WHERE FROM HAS WHO GOT HIM!
I NEVER SAW THEM BEFORE!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
THIS IS MY PARTNER MR. CIA. HE TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED, YANK, I'M SO WORRIED.

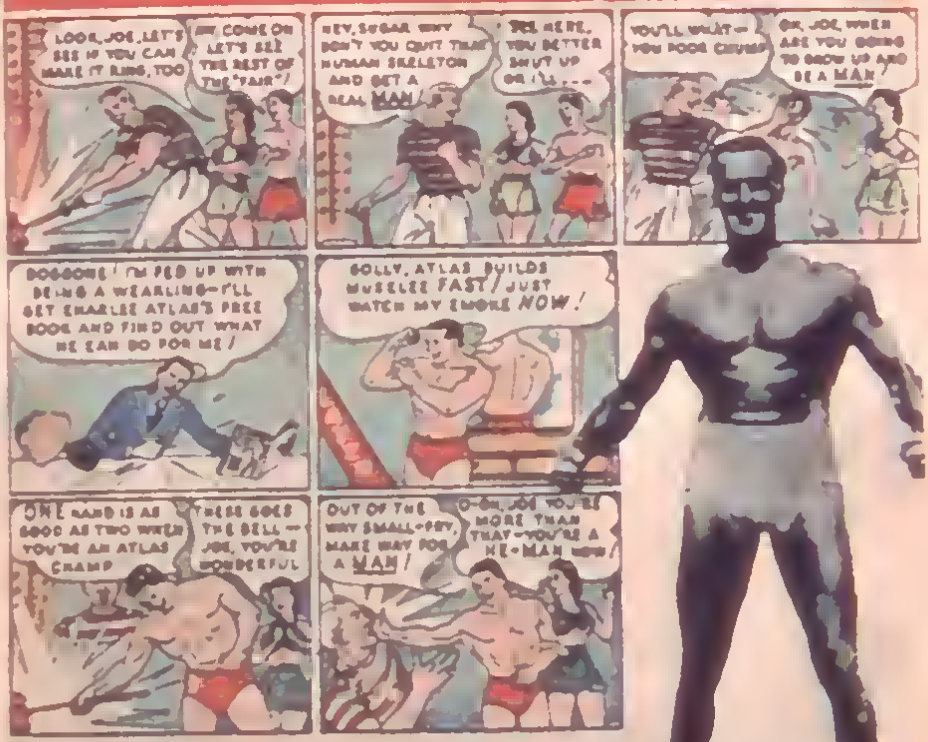
AFTER COMMANDO YANK EXPLAINS...
I WAS HOPING I'D FIND YOU HERE.
THANKS A LOT YANK I'VE GOT SOME WORK TO DO BUT I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BACK AT THE OFFICE
SHORTLY AFTER
I WAS SO HOPING I'D FIND YOU HERE. WE'LL HAVE TO GO BACK.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT I'LL GO WITH YOU.
MEANWHILE IN THE OFFICE...
AS LONG AS COMMANDO YANK HAS BLOTTED HIS COPY BOOK WE MIGHT AS WELL QUIT.
I DON'T QUIT SO FAST! I'VE WORKED OUT A PLAN. YOU LISTEN TO THIS--
AND WHEN YANK AND BOY ARRIVE AT THE OFFICE
RYAN'S GONE! THOSE BLITHERING NAZI HAVE COME BACK
WHAT'S THAT TOWN PLANT?
IT LOOKS AS IF HE WAS TRYING TO WRITE A NOTE COMMANDO YANK.
THAT NOTE WAS WRITTEN IN INK. LET'S HOLD THIS BLOTTER TO THE MIRROR & THE BLOTTING PAPER WILL BE ABLE TO READ WHAT HE WROTE.
IT'S NO USE BOY! WE'LL HAVE TO GO BACK AND EXPLAIN IT ALL.

LET ME SEE WHERE THE OLD HAREM IS AND I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.
IT'S TWO MILES BEYOND THE DESERT ROADS. YOU CAN'T MISS IT. JOHN WAITS AT THE TRUCK
MEANWHILE AT THE HAREM!
BUT WHO DID YOU WANT ME TO DO UP AS COSSACK STYLE?
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER. RIGHT NOW I WANT YOU TO TAKE HIM UPSTAIRS AND PUT MY CLOTHES ON HIM!
COMMANDO HANK IS NOT ONLY STRONG HE'S CLEVER HE'S SURE TO FAILURE OUT THAT NOTE WE INTERCEPTED EXPECTED FOR HIM.
WHAT ARE YOU PUTTING IN THE FEZ?
JUST A LITTLE BOMB! WHEN COMMANDO HANK LIFTS THE FEZ ON THIS STAIR HE... BE BLOWN TO PIECES
VERY CLEVER CHIEF
HERE HE COMES NOW... LEAVE THE REST TO ME
NOW I'LL PUT A BULLET THROUGH THE WINDOW TO MAKE SURE HANK FINDS THE ROOM IN A HURRY WE... GO OUT THE BACK WAY
"HE" SOUNDS LIKE A SHOT AND IT'S COMING FROM "HERE"
HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE

THAT LOOKS LIKE EVIL--
..AND HE LOOKS DEAD!
I... JUST MADE SURE
WAIT A SECOND. SOMETHING'S FISHY HERE.
I HAVE A HUNCH THAT SOMEBODY IS EAGER TO HAVE ME TOUCH THAT BODY
WELL... I'M NEVER ONE TO DISAPPOINT!
IF I'M RIGHT, THERE SHOULD BE AN EXPLOSION ABOUT NOW!

AND I AM RIGHT ! I'M RETURNING ME TO SEE WHAT'S GO ON ON !
MEANWHILE
WE MUST TAKE CARE OF COMMANDO YANK.
NOW WE MUST MAKE SURE WE DON'T HAVE ANY TRACES OF AN EGYPTIAN MEDIAC HERE WHEN WE TAKE CARE OF MY PATIENT.
I'LL BET YOU NEVER SAW ANYONE DIVE OUT OF A POOL BEFORE !
IT'S A GHOST !
NO, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE A GHOST OF A CHANCE !
THIS TRIP ISN'T LIKE YOU DIVING TO A DIP.
AFTER HE POLICE HEADQUARTERS.
EVA CONFESSED EVERYTHING. HE WANTED TO GET RID OF YOU SO THAT WHEN THE OIL WELLS WERE SOLD HE WOULD GET ALL THE MONEY.
BUT WHY DID HE PRETEND TO SIGNAL FOR HELP ?
THAT WAS TO DROWN ME AND A YOUNG SO THAT HE COULD GET ME OUT OF THE PICTURE.
BUT THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHY THE BODY WASN'T EVA !
IF EVA HAD BEEN SHOT JUST BEFORE I ENTERED HE WOULD COULDN'T HAVE STRETCHED UP ICE THAT SO RIGOR MORTIS DOESN'T SET IN FOR SEVERAL HOURS ! SO LONG , WANT TO GIVE CHASE VALE THIS SCOOP.
BACK BACK AND SEE HOW COMMANDO MAKE OUTWIT BLUE !

The Insult That Turned a "CHUMP" into a CHAMP


LOOK, JOE, LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN MAKE IT RING, TOO
OH COME ON LET'S SEE THE REST OF THE "FAIR"!
HEY, SUGAR WHY DON'T YOU QUIT THAT HUMAN SKELETON AND GET A REAL MAN!
SEE HERE, YOU BETTER SHUT UP OR I'LL . . .
YOU'LL WHAT — YOU POOR CRUMB!
OH, JOE, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GROW UP AND BE A MAN!
DOGGONE! I'M FED UP WITH BEING A WEARLING — I'LL GET CHARLES ATLAS'S FREE BOOK AND FIND OUT WHAT HE CAN DO FOR ME!
GOLLY, ATLAS BUILDS MUSCLES FAST! JUST WATCH MY EMOKE NOW!
ONE HAND IS AS GOOD AS TWO WHEN YOU'RE AN ATLAS CHAMP
THERE GOES THE BELL — JOE, YOU'RE WONDERFUL
OUT OF THE WAY SMALL-FRY, MAKE WAY FOR A MAN!
O-OH, JOE YOU'RE MORE THAN THAT — YOU'RE A HE-MAN NOW!

I Can Make YOU A New Man, Too in Only 15 Minutes a Day!

HAVE YOU, too, the body you admire? Are you ashamed to strip for sports because you're not developed? Are you satisfied with your present physical condition? Are you proud of your muscles? Can you "do" things that make other fellows admire you? Are you a healthy, vigorous specimen of manhood with the strength and endurance that goes with it? Then I don't want your business! But if you're not satisfied with your present physical condition, if you're ashamed to strip for sports because you're not developed, if you're a "shrimp" who needs more muscle, more stamina, more "pep" to your whole body, then I can help you! You will have more than eager words, dear friend, and opening and reading a letter from you that tells me you're a "shrimp" who needs more muscle, more stamina, more "pep" to your whole body, then I can help you! You will have more than eager words, dear friend, and opening and reading a letter from you that tells me you're a "shrimp" who needs more muscle, more stamina, more "pep" to your whole body, then I can help you!

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MUSCLE HEDD
GETS A KICK OUT OF THIS
EVERYONE SAYS "THAT HORSE IS WILD BUT WATCH ME MASTER HIM!
OUCH!
WHAM!
OOOOH!
WHACK!
HELP!
POW!
WOW! THAT HORSE WAS CERTAINLY SURE-FOOTED!
SURE-FOOTED? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WELL HE KICKED ME IN THE SAME PLACE THREE TIMES!
HA HA! MUSCLE HEDD SURE MASTERED THE HORSE!

HURRY, HURRY! LAST CHANCE TO OWN A VALUABLE COMPASS RING!

HEY, KIDS! DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS HANDSOME, SCIENTIFIC RING!
AND DON'T MISS A MORNING OF MY FAVORITE CEREAL, NABISCO SHREDDED WHEAT!
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• Gleaming, gold-color victory bronze!
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LAST CALL for this compass ring! Now's your last chance to get a scientific instrument as big a mystifier-maker right! Just as any woodsman would ever be without a compass so an bright boy or girl will be without this compass ring. Why, it might even help make you a hero.

Here's all you do to get your compass ring: Send [illegible] with one box any brown-that-browns favorite, Nabisco Shredded Wheat. It's crunchy [illegible] the hearty whole wheat cereal with the goodness of Niagara Falls in the best. Always good and good all ways.

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Ask Mother to buy you a box of Nabisco Shredded Wheat. Then send the box top with 15¢ for your compass ring. But hurry – there aren't too many left!

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